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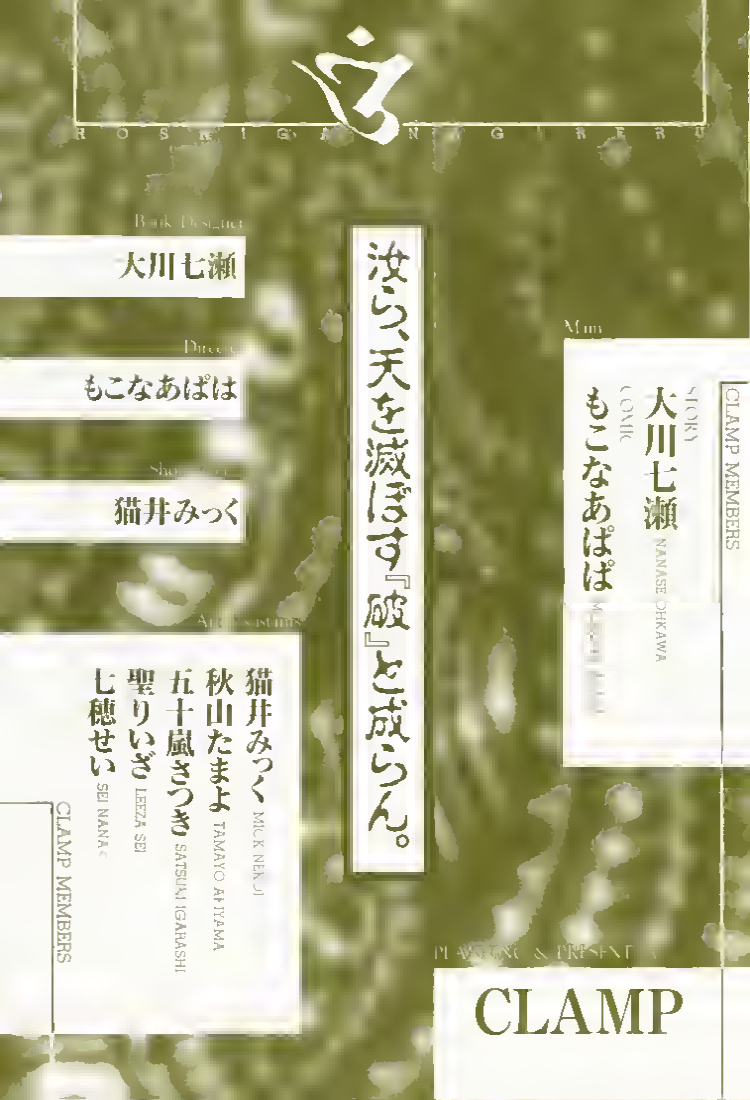
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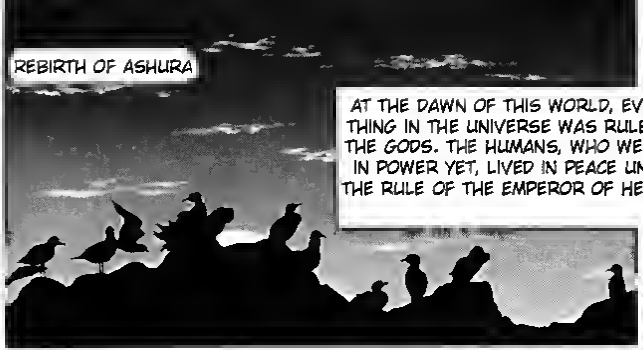
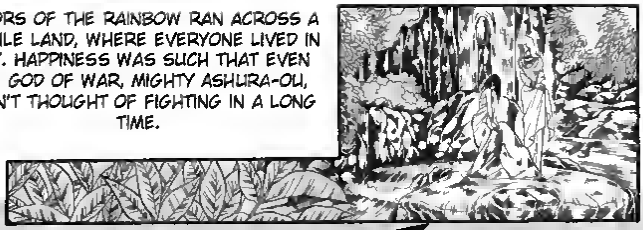
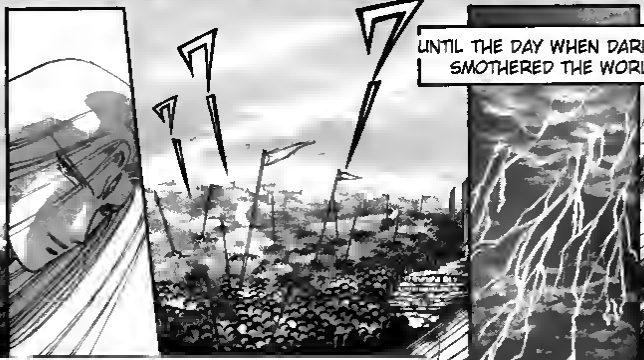

REBIRTH OF ASHURA
AT THE DAWN OF THIS WORLD, EVERYTHING IN THE UNIVERSE WAS RULED BY THE GODS. THE HUMANS, WHO WEREN'T IN POWER YET, LIVED IN PEACE UNDER THE RULE OF THE EMPEROR OF HEAVEN.


COLORS OF THE RAINBOW RAN ACROSS A FERTILE LAND, WHERE EVERYONE LIVED IN JOY. HAPPINESS WAS SUCH THAT EVEN THE GOD OF WAR, MIGHTY ASHURA-OU, HADN'T THOUGHT OF FIGHTING IN A LONG TIME.


UNTIL THE DAY WHEN DARKNESS SMOTHERED THE WORLD.
TAISHAKU-TEN, THEN A GENERAL SERVING THE EMPEROR OF HEAVEN, WAS DRIVEN TO REVOLT BY HIS THIRST FOR POWER.

AFTER BEHEADING THE EMPEROR, HE PROUDLY EXPOSED HIS HEAD TO THE PEOPLE.
AND THUS BEGAN AN ERA OF DARKNESS.
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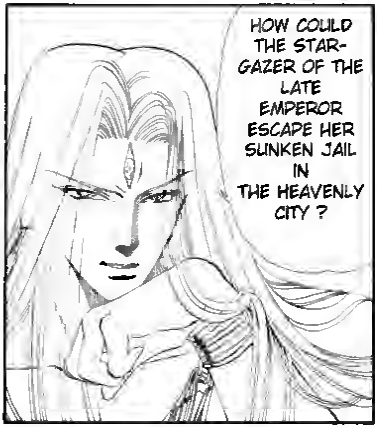
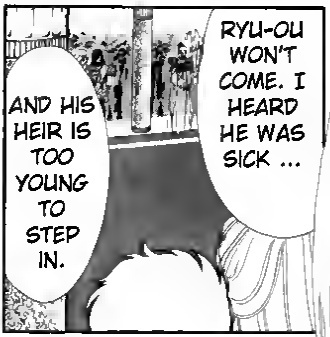
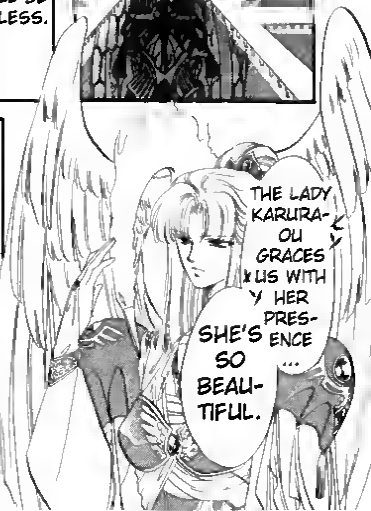
REBIRTH OF ASHURA


HOW COULD THE STAR-GAZER OF THE LATE EMPEROR ESCAPE HER SUNKEN JAIL IN THE HEAVENLY CITY ?

KUYO ESCAPED !

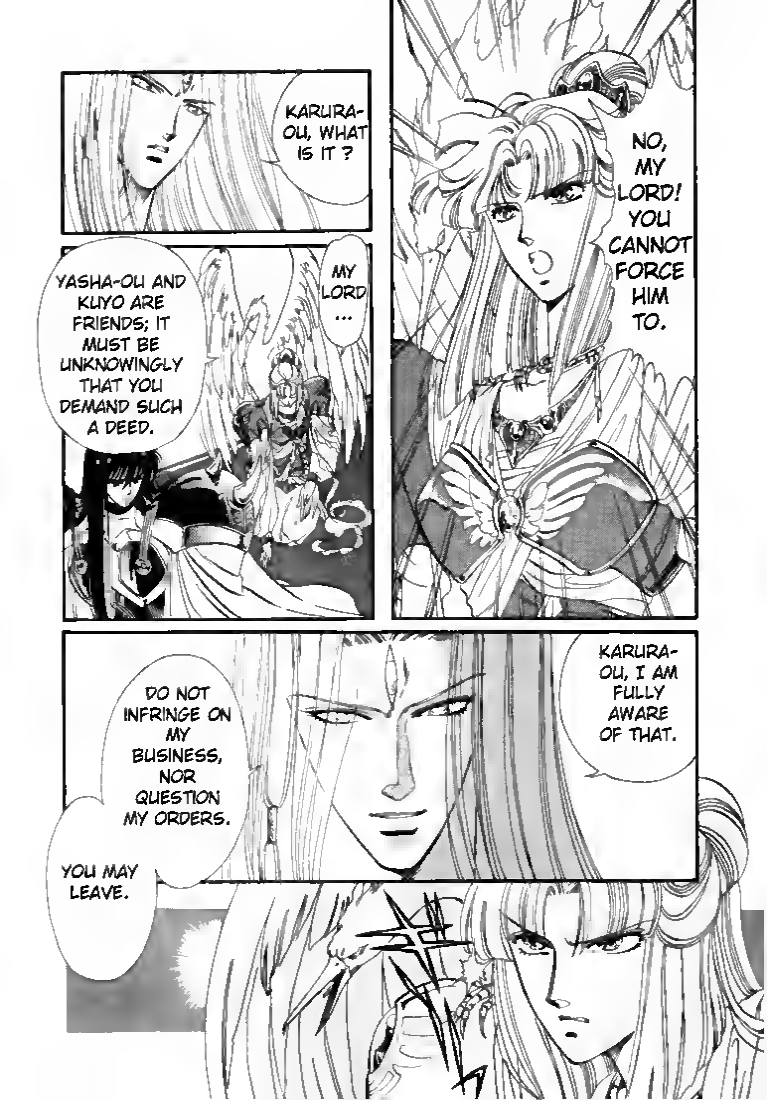
WASN'T ASHURA-OU HIMSELF DEFEATED 300 YEARS AGO ?
SHE WON'T ESCAPE TAISHAKU -TEN.
WHEN HE CATCHES HER, HE'LL BE PITILESS.

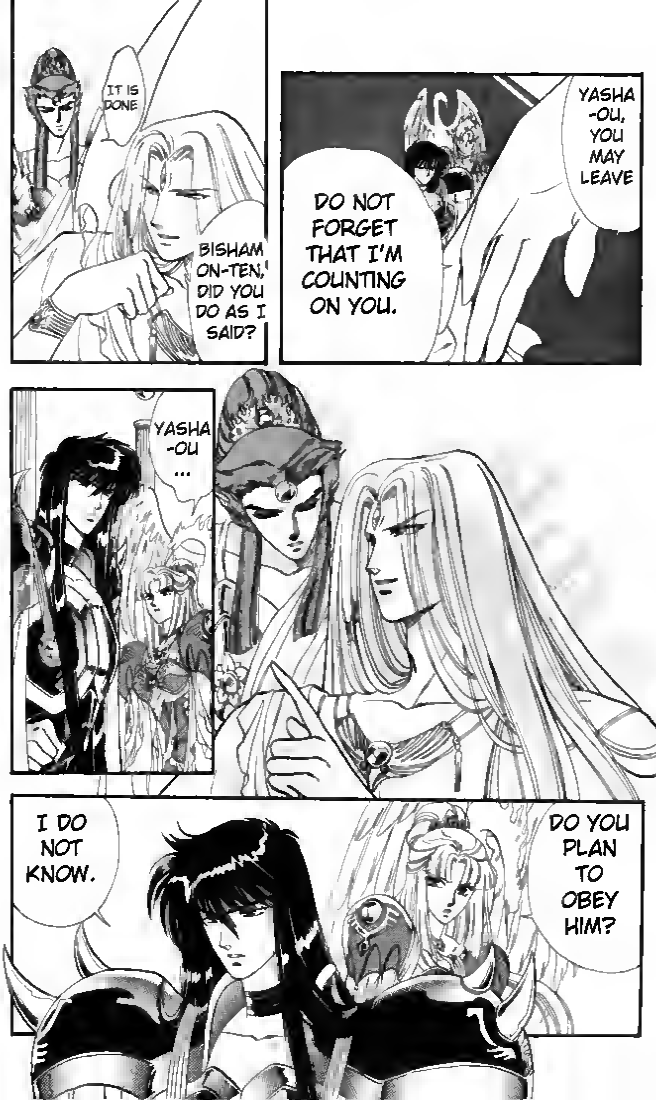

AND HIS HEIR IS TOO YOUNG TO STEP IN.
RYU-OU WON'T COME. I HEARD HE WAS SICK ...


THE LADY KARURA-OU GRACES US WITH HER PRES-ENCE ...
SHE'S SO BEAU-TIFUL.

LOOK, IT'S YASHA-OU.
YASHA-OU, YOU ARE LATE.
DIDN'T MY MESSENGER GIVE YOU THE CORRECT TIME FOR OUR MEETING ?
MY LORD, I BEG FORGIVNESS.
OH, PERHAPS YOU WERE VERY BUSY ?
I AM GLAD YOU WOULD VISIT THE HEAVENLY CITY.

IT IS SAID, THAT, WITH YOUR SWORD YAMA-TO,
YOU SUCC-ESS-FULLY FOUGHT OFF THE DEMONS
CLAN YASHA IS REALLY THE MOST POW-ERFUL.
YASHA-OU, ANSWER TRUTHFULLY. YOU ARE A FRIEND OF KUYO, AREN'T YOU ?
IT'S BEEN 300 YEARS, SINCE THE DEATH OF THE EMPEROR
AND STILL SHE WILL NOT BE MY ALLY.
SHE RENOUNCED HER EXTRAOR-DINARY DIVINING POWERS INSTEAD OF SERVING ME.
YASHA-OU, I COMMAND YOU TO KILL HER !


KARURA-OU, WHAT IS IT ?
NO, MY LORD! YOU CANNOT FORCE HIM TO.
MY LORD ...
YASHA-OU AND KUYO ARE FRIENDS; IT MUST BE UNKNOWINGLY THAT YOU DEMAND SUCH A DEED.
KARURA-OU, I AM FULLY AWARE OF THAT.
DO NOT INFRINGE ON MY BUSINESS, NOR QUESTION MY ORDERS.
YOU MAY LEAVE.


IT IS DONE
BISHAM ON-TEN, DID YOU DO AS I SAID?
YASHA -OU, YOU MAY LEAVE
DO NOT FORGET THAT I'M COUNTING ON YOU.
YASHA -OU ...
I DO NOT KNOW.
DO YOU PLAN TO OBEY HIM?

YASHA -OU !
KUYO ...
WHAT WERE YOUR THOUGHTS DURING THOSE THREE CENTURIES OF CAPTIVITY?
AND WHY DID YOU REFUSE TO SERVE OUR NEW EMPEROR ?
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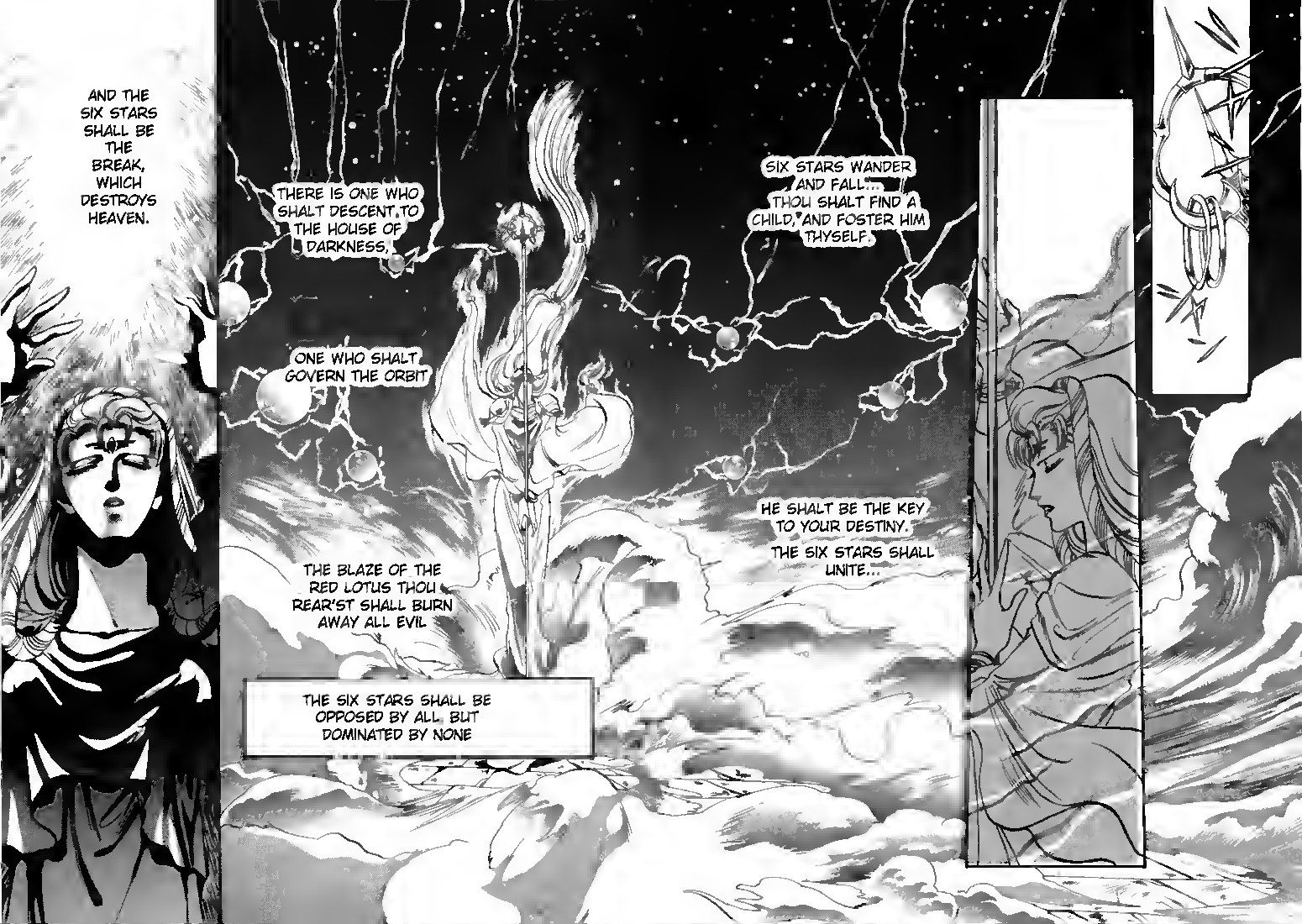
THE TEMPLE IS IN RUIN.
I WAS EXPECT-ING YOU, YASHA-OU

THIS TEMPLE IS THE PLACE WHERE ALL MY MEMORIES BELONG.
INDEED, YOU OFTEN TOLD ME ABOUT THIS PLACE.
ALL MY FRIENDS ARE DEAD.
YOU ARE THE ONLY ONE, I CAN TRUST.
I KNEW WHEN I ESCAPED THAT TAISHAKU-TEN WOULD SEND YOU AFTER ME.
I STAYED ALIVE TO GIVE YOU A MESSAGE OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE.
YASHA -OU

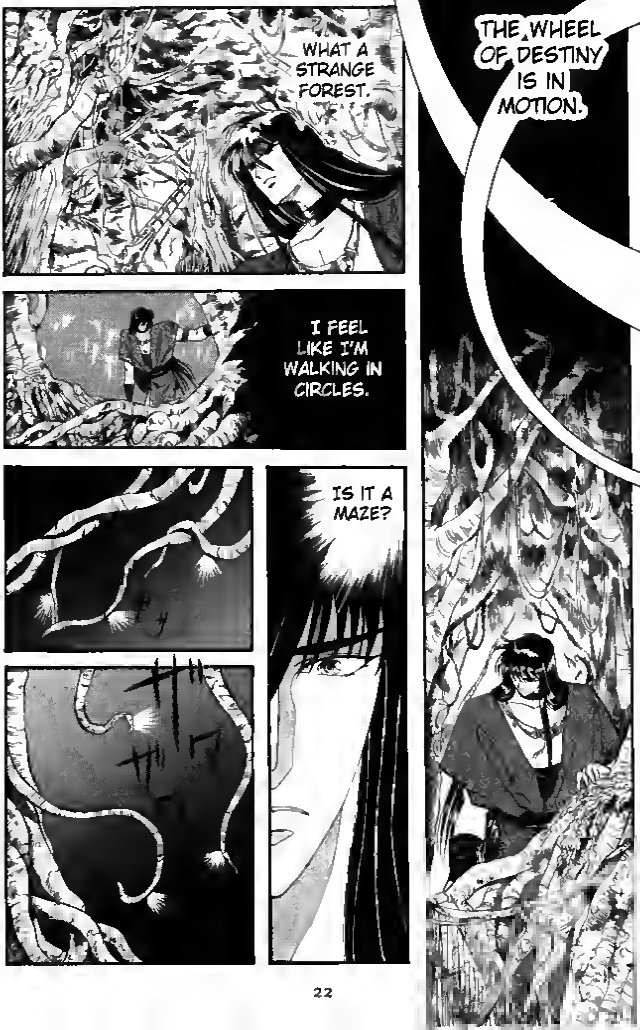

AND THE SIX STARS SHALL BE THE BREAK, WHICH DESTROYS HEAVEN.
THERE IS ONE WHO SHALT DESCENT TO THE HOUSE OF DARKNESS,
ONE WHO SHALT GOVERN THE ORBIT
THE BLAZE OF THE RED LOTUS THOU REAR'ST SHALL BURN AWAY ALL EVIL
THE SIX STARS SHALL BE OPPOSED BY ALL BUT DOMINATED BY NONE
SIX STARS WANDER AND FALL... THOU SHALT FIND A CHILD, AND FOSTER HIM THYSELF.
HE SHALT BE THE KEY TO YOUR DESTINY.
THE SIX STARS SHALL UNITE...

KUYO
?!

THE PROPHECY ... IS TOLD.
WHAT ARE THOSE SIX STARS, AND THIS BREAK?
I DO NOT KNOW.
AND THIS CHILD, MUST I RAISE IT?
O.
THE CHILD IS DESTINED TO KILL YOU.
KILL ME ?!
I PROMISED SOMEBODY TO TRANSMIT THE PROPHECY.
IT WAS THE LAST WILL OF...
ASHURA -OU.

NO, NO, NOT HIM
IS IT ASHURA-OU?
I HAD TO KEEP SILENT TO RESIST THE EMPEROR BUT ...
A CHILD DESTINED TO KILL ME...
IF SUCH IS THE PROPHECY ...
WHERE IS HE ?
TO THE NORTH ...
IN ...
THE SHADOW WOODS.

THIS FOREST GREW 300 YEARS AGO, AND IT IS PROTECTED BY A MYSTERIOUS FORCE
NOBODY WAS EVER ABLE TO ENTER IT.
PEOPLE SAY IT SHELTERS A DEMON ...
I'M EAGER TO KNOW THIS CHILD.
KEEP ALIVE UNTIL WE RETURN.
FARE THEE WELL, KUYO.
YASHA -OU !
I LOVED ASHURA -OU SO MUCH. HIS LAST WILL MUST BE DONE.
ASHURA-OU!...


WHAT A STRANGE FOREST.
I FEEL LIKE I'M WALKING IN CIRCLES.
IS IT A MAZE?
THE WHEEL OF DESTINY IS IN MOTION.

MY SWORD YAMA-TO PARTED THE TREES

WHAT A STRANGE TREE. I HEAR A BEATING HEART.
COULD IT BE INSIDE ?

A CHILD?!
WHO ART THOU ?

THOU WHO DISTURBED MY REST BY ENTERING THESE WOODS
SO DEEP WAS MY SLEEP ...
WHO ART THOU?

IS THIS AN ILLUSION ?
THOU WHO DISTURBED MY REST, WHAT ART THOU CALLED?
WHAT IS THY PURPOSE HERE?
BECAUSE OF THEE, THE WOODS WON'T PROTECT ME ANYMORE.

I CAME TO FREE YOU.
I AM NAMED YASHA -OU.
FOR WHAT PURPOSE, DID THOU THINK?
I AM NAMED ...
ASHURA.
BECAUSE OF THEE,
THIS WORLD SHALL KNOW HELL'S FLAMES.

SO THIS IS ASHURA, THE CHILD DESTINED TO KILL ME ?
DID HE REALLY SLEEP 300 YEARS IN THIS FOREST ?
I AM NAMED ASHURA

WE ARE UNDER ATTACK FROM MONSTERS. THE KEKKAI IS STILL STANDING, BUT WE DON'T KNOW HOW LONG IT WILL HOLD. I BEG YOU, LET'S HURRY BACK TO THE VILLAGE.
YASHA-OU ... MY LORD.
I'VE BEEN LOOKING EVERY-WHERE FOR YOU.
WHAT IS GOING ON ?

TAKE HIM IN YOUR ARMS.
PLEASE,
BUT, WHO IS HE?
HE'S ASHURA, THE LONE SURVIVOR OF A WARRIOR CLAN ...
THAT WAS EXTERMINATED 300 YEARS AGO.

WHAT ?
HOLD HIM CLOSE.
FEAR NOT.
FORGIVE ME, KUYO.
I HAVE FOUND THE CHILD.
I WILL SOON BE BACK.
YASHA-OU, LOOK !

WHAT A DREADFUL MONSTER....
LET'S CAST OUR KEKKAI, AND GO TO THE VILLAGE

YASHA-OU.
YOUNG LORD.
SPREAD THE KEKKAI TO THE FOREST TO THE WEST.
PROTECT THE CHILD.
YES.

WHO IS THIS LOVELY BABY?
YASHA-OU TRUSTED ME WITH HIM.
HE'S SO CUTE
MONSTERS RUSHED IN SO SUDDENLY, WE BARELY HAD THE TIME TO RAISE IT.
LET'S HOPE OUR KEKKAI WILL HOLD.
I THOUGHT WE HAD SEEN THE LAST OF THE MONSTERS.
IT'S STRANGE THERE ARE ANY LEFT, BUT OUR LORD WILL SEE US SAFE
WHAT IS THIS NOISE ?

WHAT IS THIS THING ?
IT'S GROWING BY THE SECOND !
THE BABE OUR YOUNG LORD BROUGHT IN IS INSIDE.

WE TRIED TO OPEN IT...
BUT OUR SWORDS AND AXES ARE USELESS.

HE FELT THE DANGER, AND PROTECTED HIMSELF

ASHURA !
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HOW COULD HE GROW IN A MINUTE ?
YASHA

NO, THAT CANNOT BE ...
A CHILD OF THE ASHURA CLAN WILL BRING DOWN THE WRATH OF THE EMPEROR OF HEAVEN.
EMPEROR OF HEAVEN ? TAISHAKU -TEN IS BUT AN UPSTART
YOU ARE A VERY YOUNG LORD.
YOU DIDN'T WITNESS THAT AWFUL WAR THAT TAISHAKU-TEN STARTED 300 YEARS AGO.
AFTER MURDERING THE EMPEROR OF HEAVEN,
HE IMPRISONED HIS DAUGHTER KISHO-TEN, AND KILLED ALL WHO OPPOSED HIM.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ASHURA CLAN?

TAISHAKU-TEN NEVER FORGIVES
HE IS PITILESS WITH THOSE WHO DISOBEY HIM..
NOW SHE IS TAISHAKU-TEN'S WIFE.
YES, I DO KNOW.
ONLY SHASHI, WIFE TO THE EMPEROR, SURVIVED; SHE WAS A PRIESTESS IN THE HUMAN WORLD.
ASHURA-OU WAS A MAN OF OUTSTANDING WORTH.
HE SERVED AND PROTECTED OUR LATE EMPEROR UNTIL THE END OF HIS
YOU ARE HEAD OF THE YASHA CLAN; BY KEEPING THIS CHILD, YOU WILL MAKE YOURSELF LOOK A REBEL.
THEIR SAD DESTINY IS NO MATTER OF OURS.
I FEEL COMPASSION FOR THE ASHURA CLAN.

SINCE THE DEMISE OF THE ASHURA CLAN, THE YASHA CLAN HAS BEEN THE PROTECTOR OF HEAVEN
COME HERE.
OUR DUTY IS TO PROTECT HEAVEN AND THE WORLD OF HUMANS FROM MONSTERS.
YASHA-OU, DON'T GO AGAINST THE EMPEROR.
THE DESTINY OF OUR CLAN IS IN YOUR HANDS.
?
IF YOU WANT US TO STAY ALIVE, THINK ABOUT IT.
BUT THIS CHILD IS INNOCENT
HE WILL BRING NOTHING BUT MISERY!

WE CANNOT BE IN DIS-AGREEMENT WITH THE EMPEROR OF HEAVEN.
YASHA-OU MESSED YOU ALL UP.
YOU'RE LOVELY LIKE THAT.
WE MUST NOW ASSEMBLE OUR TROOPS TO FIGHT OFF THESE MONSTERS.
I'LL GO PATROLLING.
COME, ASHURA.
MY LORD!
THIS CHILD IS CURSED. HIS WHOLE CLAN WAS MEANT TO DIE.

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OH !
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT ?
WHAT'S GOING ON ?
YASHA, HE'S HUNGRY
I ... I ... HUNGRY
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DO NOT GO FURTHER, YOU WOULD STEP OUT OF THE KEKKAI.
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KUJAKU, OPEN YOUR MOUTH.
YOU TOO, ASHURA.
PLEASE FORGIVE ME,
BUT I ALMOST DIED ON MY WAY.
KUJAKU, WHAT A STRANGE NAME.
IT'S VERY STRANGE TO BEAR A FORBIDDEN NAME.
NOT ANY STRANGER THAN ASHURA.
THE BLOOD OF THE RULING FAMILY RUNS IN HIS VEINS.
AND HIS FEATURES ARE TYPICAL OF THE ASHURA CLAN.
HIS EARS ARE POINTED HIS EYES ARE GOLDEN,

I DON'T UNDERSTAND. HE'S SO LOVELY.
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS CHILD IS THE LAST SURVIVOR OF THE ASHURA CLAN.
THE PEOPLE OF HEAVEN HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR THOSE OF THE RULING FAMILY. THEY HAVE PECULIAR PHYSICAL FEATURES, AND LIVE THREE THOUSAND YEARS WHEREAS THE HUMANS LIVE ONLY A HUNDRED. THE HEIR IS SEVERELY SELECTED. THAT IS WHY HE MAY BE CALLED BY THE NAME OF HIS CLAN
IF YOU KEEP HIM WITH YOU, EVERYBODY WILL THINK YOU'RE REBELLING.
WHO ARE YOU?
HEY, YASHA.
SUCH CARELESSNESS.
YOU'RE PLAYING TODAY WITH THE CHILD THAT WILL KILL YOU TOMORROW.
HE KNOWS OF KUYO'S PROPHECY.

OUCH, OUCH OUCH.
I'M JUST A TRAV-ELLER.
NO, DON'T TAKE IT THAT BAD.
YOUR PURPLE EYES PROVE YOU ARE OF THE DEMON TRIBE. HOW CAN YOU BE UNDER THE YASHA CLAN'S KEKKAI ?
MY LORD, THE KEKKAI HAS BEEN BREACHED TO THE WEST.
I WAS ONLY JOKING ABOUT ASHURA.
THAT ...
IS A SECRET.
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MUST I REALLY ...
BRING ASHURA ON THE BATTLE-FIELD ?
IF HE IS LEFT AMONG THEM, WE FEAR HE MIGHT BE A DANGER WITH THAT STRANGE TREE-PROTECTION OF HIS.
YES, BECAUSE ONLY THE WOMEN AND THE CHILDREN WILL STAY IN THE VILLAGE DURING THE BATTLE
THIS CHILD IS CURSED.
WHAT ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT ?
IF THE EMPEROR'S MEN FIND HIM HERE, THEY'LL DESTROY OUR VILLAGE.
WON'T YOU TAKE HIM, YASHA-OU ?

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ANY ONE OF THEM COULD KILL HIM WHILE YOU'RE AWAY.
HE'LL BE SAFER ON THE BATTLE-FIELD THAN IN THE VILLAGE.
COME, ASHURA.
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KUJAKU ?
THANKS FOR THE FOOD.
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HE LEFT SO FAST !
GET MY HORSE, WE'RE HEADING FOR THE FRONT.
A PITY.

LET'S FOLLOW OUR LORD.
CAREFUL,
THEY'RE COMING FROM EVERY-WHERE.

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ASHURA
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ASHURA ?!
YASHA !!
YASHA-OU!
YOU LOOK AFTER ASHURA.
I WILL.

OUR LORD IS A MAGNIFICENT FIGHTER.
I WISH I COULD BE LIKE HIM SOMEDAY.
HE'S STRONG ENOUGH TO PROTECT HEAVEN.
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ASHURA
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IN THE VILLAGE, THEY SAY YOU'RE BAD LUCK.
EVERY-BODY OK?
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ASHURA
YOU JUST SAVED MY LIFE
YES YASHA ?
GO BACK TO THE VILLAGE WITH THE OTHERS
BUT, MY LORD, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

I MUST GO,
I MADE A PROMISE.
YASHA, WHERE ARE WE GOING ?
WE'RE VISITING A LADY WHO WANTS TO MEET YOU.
KUYO, I'M BACK WITH THE CHILD AS I SAID.
KUYO ?...

OH, NO, KUYO !...

YASHA, WHO IS THIS LADY?
KUYO ...
DIDN'T I TELL YOU ...
HE WOULD BRING YOU ILL LUCK.

KUJAKU, DID YOU KILL HER?
NO, IT'S ONE OF THE EMPER-OR'S MEN.
I THINK YOU KNOW HIM WELL.
BISHAMON-TEN, GENERAL OF THE NORTH.
WERE YOU NAIVE ENOUGH TO THINK THAT TAISHAKU-TEN WOULDN'T FIND HER THE MOMENT HERE?
YOU CHOSE TO SPARE KUYO AND KEEP THIS CHILD,
YOUR DESTINY WAS SET.

KUYO'S PROPH-ECY HAS COME TRUE : THE WHEEL OF DESTINY IS IN MOTION.
HELL WILL BREAK LOOSE ON THIS WORLD.

AND IT WILL BE SO AS LONG ...
AS ASHURA IS BY YOUR SIDE.
HE'LL BRING YOUR DOOM.
YASHA-OU, YOU SHOULD HAVE LISTENED TO YOUR VILLAGE'S ELDER.
WHY ...
DIDN'T YOU PREVENT KUYO'S MURDER ?
KUJAKU, ANSWER ME!

WHY ?...
BECAUSE IT'S NONE OF MY BUSI-NESS.
YOU ...
ARE A TRAITOR !
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DO YOU KNOW WHERE BISHAMON-TEN IS RIGHT NOW ? THINK, WHERE COULD HE GO AFTER MURDERING KUYO ?
IS THAT YOUR ONLY REACTION?
SHUT UP!
TAISHAKU-TEN WILL NEVER FORGIVE YOUR BETRAYAL.
RIGHT NOW, THE YASHA CLAN MUST ...

YES, YOU MUST KNOW HELL.
HEE, HEE, HEE.
ASHURA!
I WARNED THEE NOT TO DISTURB MY REST.
THOU SHALL NOW KNOW THY ACTS' CONSE-QUENCES.
HEE, HEE, HEE.
THOU SHOULDN'T HAVE BRAVED THE FOR-BIDDEN.

ASHURA !??
FROM NOW ON, THOU SHALT BE ALONE IN THY AGONY.

ALERT, WE ARE UNDER ATTACK.
DOUSE THIS FIRE!
BUT WHO'S ATTACK-ING US?
LOOK, THOSE ARE THE EMPEROR OF HEAVEN'S ARMY'S FLAGS.
NO, THAT CAN'T BE ...

ONE OF THE EMPEROR OF HEAVEN'S VASSALS; GENERAL OF THE NORTH BISHAMON-TEN.
BUT, THIS IS ...
WHAT'S GOING ON?
LOOK, IT'S INCREDI-BLE.

OH, I'M STRUCK.
WHAT I FEARED HAS COME TRUE.
THE EMPEROR'S ARMY IS ENCIRCLING US.
IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF THAT CHILD OUR LORD BROUGHT TO THE VILLAGE.
BUT WHY WOULD HE DO SUCH A THING?
NO. ASHURA IS NOT THE REASON FOR THIS.
HE SAVED MY LIFE.
YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO UNDERSTAND.
THEY'LL KILL US ALL AS REBELS.
KEEP QUIET. YASHA-OU IS OUR LORD, AND WE MUST STICK WITH HIM.
IT'S TOO LATE. OUR DESTINY WAS DECIDED THE MOMENT THE CHILD SET FOOT IN OUR VILLAGE.

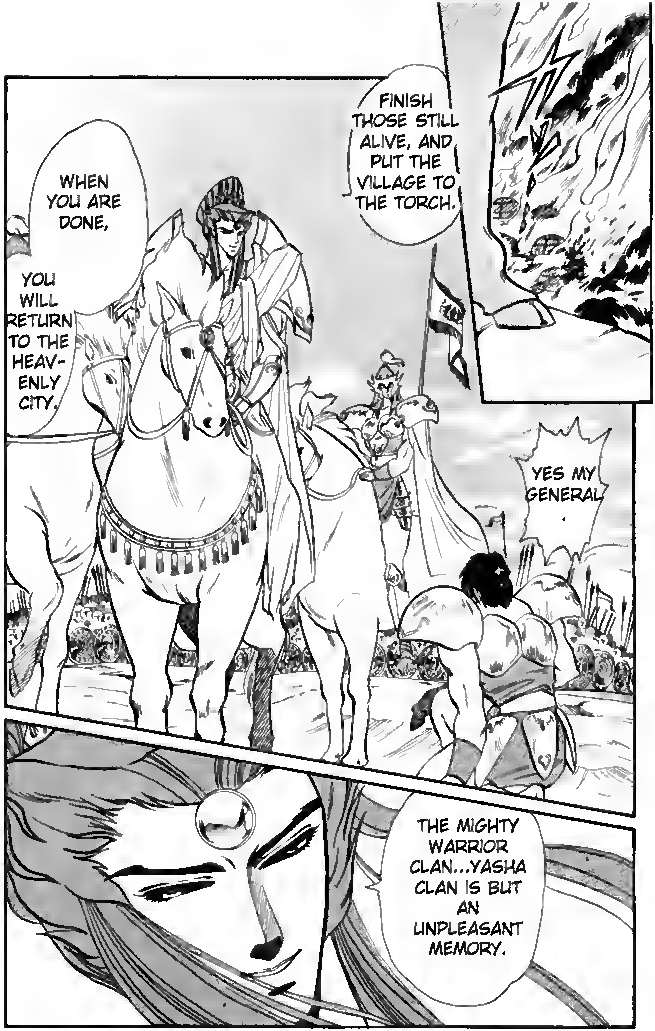
WE CANNOT GO BACK, WE MUST ASSEMBLE OUR FORCES TO FIGHT BISHAMONTEN.
MY GENERAL BISHAMONTEN, THEY LOOK READY TO RESIST OUR ATTACK.
SO WE EXPECTED. CLAN YASHA IS AMONG THE FIERCEST WARRIOR CLANS.
AND REMEMBER, NO ONE MUST SURVIVE, NOT EVEN AN INFANT.
NO SEED OF EVIL MAY REMAIN, TO ONE DAY SPRING ROOTS ...

SO MANY OF THEM ...
BE BRAVE, MEN. CHARGE !

HAN-RANYA, CAN YOU SEE THEM?
YES, THE MAGIC OF THE WATER MIRROR ALLOWS ME TO.

AS POWERFUL AS THE YASHA CLAN MIGHT BE, THEY WON'T MEASURE UP TO BISHAMON-TEN.
HAVE THEY BEGUN?
ISN'T THIS CLAN PART OF THE ARMY OF THE NORTH?
BISHAMON-TEN SEEMS TO BE LOSING HIS PEOPLE. WILL OUR DEFENSES TO THE NORTH BE SUFFICIENT?
I'D RATHER WORRY ABOUT THAT PROPHECY OF SIX STARS.
FEAR NOT, THERE ARE OTHER CLANS. IF TROUBLE ARISES,
CLAN RYU AND KARURA WILL HELP

I BUILT THIS WORLD WITH THE BLOOD OF CLAN ASHURA, AND A FEW OTHERS.
BUT SACRIFICES WILL BE NECESSARY.
A DROP OF BLOOD FROM CLAN YASHA WON'T CHANGE ANYTHING.
I AGREE WITH YOU, MY LORD.
THE THRONE IS MINE
AS LONG AS I AM EMPEROR OF HEAVEN ...
I WILL MAINTAIN PEACE;
YASHA-OU DOESN'T SUSPECT THAT HE TOO IS THE CORE OF ONE OF THE SIX STARS
IF I DO NOT ACT,
ALL SIX STARS WILL ASSEMBLE UNDER ASHURA'S LEAD.
YASHA-OU HAS FREED ASHURA-OU'S SON.
THAT CHILD IS THE CORE FOR ONE OF THE SIX STARS
UNITED, THEY WILL END MY REIGN.
I WILL NEVER LET THEM! ...


FINISH THOSE STILL ALIVE, AND PUT THE VILLAGE TO THE TORCH.
WHEN YOU ARE DONE,
YOU WILL RETURN TO THE HEAV-ENLY CITY.
YES MY GENERAL.
THE MIGHTY WARRIOR CLAN...YASHA CLAN IS BUT AN UNPLEASANT MEMORY.

DISASTER
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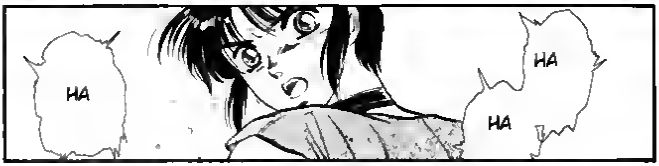
WHY WOULD SUCH AN AWFUL THING HAPPEN TO US.
HE MUST NOT SEEK VEN-GEANCE.
THE VILLAGE ELDER !
TELL OUR LORD HE MUST STAY ALIVE
I BEG YOU ...
NO, WAIT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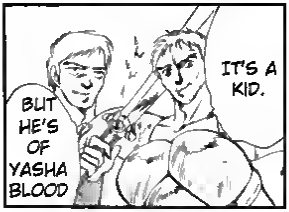
IT'S A KID.
BUT HE'S OF YASHA BLOOD

RIGHT.

AHH-HH-HHH
THAT'S THE FIFTH ONE I KILLED.
NO, IT'S NOT TRUE, I WON'T BELIEVE YASHA CLAN IS DESTROYED.
I ALREADY KILLED SEVEN.
HELP US, YASHA-OU.
BY PROTECTING THE LAST ASHURA SURVIVOR, THEIR LORD SENTENCED HIS OWN CLAN TO DEATH.

IS ASHURA REALLY THE CAUSE OF ALL THIS?
IF ASHA KNEW THE DANGER, WHY DID HE BRING HIM TO THE VILLAGE.
ELDER, TELL ME IT'S NOT OUR LORD'S FAULT!
NO NO, I WON'T BELIEVE THIS!!

HE NEVER WANTED HIS CLAN DESTROYED. PLEASE, ANSWER ME ...

OUR LORD MUST HAVE A GOOD REASON TO ACT THIS WAY.

OH, I BEG YOU, ANSWER ME ...
SUCH WAS THE FATE OF CLAN YASHA.
IT'S TOO LATE FOR REGRETS NOW, IT'S ALL DONE.
I WARNED THEE THAT ROUSING ME WOULD FAN THE FLAMES OF HELL.
BUT YOU'RE SO SELFISH, YOU'D RATHER SACRIFICE YOUR WHOLE CLAN.

SHUT UP
ASHURA.
ALL RIGHT, IF SUCH IS YOUR WILL, I SHALL DEPART
YASHA -OU.
YOU HAVE NO REASON TO RETURN TO YOUR VILLAGE.
I AM HEAD OF THE YASHA CLAN. MY DUTY IS TO PROTECT IT.

WHATEVER HE DOES, HE WON'T CHANGE DESTINY.
KUYO FORETOLD IT.
YASHAOU !
ASHURA IS BACK, AND NO ONE WILL STOP HIM.
THE DESTRUCTION OF CLAN YASHA WAS UNAVOIDABLE.

YASHA, I SMELL BLOOD.
OVER THERE !
IT'S MY FRIEND !
MY BROTHER !
HOLD ON !
ASHURA !!!
KYAA
ASHURA ???

YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN THE ONE TO DIE.
IF YOU HADN'T BEEN HERE, WE'D ALL STILL BE ALIVE.
IF YOU HADN'T ...
MURDERER! GIVE ME MY CLAN BACK,

YOU CAN'T KNOW HOW MUCH I HATE YOU !
STOP IT !

WHAT HAP-PENED ?
YOU MUST LIVE ON... DON'T TRY TO AVENGE US.
HOW ?
YASHA-OU MY LORD, DON'T GO TO THE VILLAGE, EVERY-ONE IS DEAD.
I'M YOUR LORD, AND I ORDER YOU TO STAY ALIVE.
IF YOU DIE, I'LL BE CALLED A WEAK LORD, UNABLE TO PROTECT HIS PEOPLE.
I PROM-ISED HIM I WOULD TELL YOU.
IT WAS THE ELDER'S LAST WILL,
I SHALL PRAY TO THE GOD OF VICTORY FOR YOU, MY LORD.

NOW ...
WHO AM I LORD OF?
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT.
THEY ALL DIED BECAUSE OF YOU.
YOU CAN'T KNOW HOW MUCH I HATE YOU.

YASHA ...
YES, ASHURA ?
IS IT ASHURA'S FAULT ?
TELL ME, IS IT ASHURA'S FAULT THAT MY FRIEND DIED?
NO, NO, DON'T CRY, IT'S NOT YOU.
I KNOW WHO ORDERED THIS SLAUGHTER.
TAISHA KU-TEN

I'LL UNITE THE SIX STARS TO DESTROY YOU, AND PUT AN END TO YOUR REIGN, TAISHAKU-TEN.
I WILL NEVER FORGIVE WHAT YOU DID TO MY CLAN.
TAISHAKU-TEN, EMPEROR OF HEAVEN.
SO, THE DEATH OF THE EMPEROR AND THE WHOLE ASHURA CLAN WASN'T ENOUGH. YOU THIRSTED FOR YASHA BLOOD AS WELL.

NOW, WE ARE BOTH ALONE IN THIS THE LASTWORLD.
YOU ARE ONE FROM CLAN ASHURA, AND I FROM CLAN YASHA.
I MUST SEEK OUT THE EMPEROR,
TO AVENGE OUR CLANS.
YOU'RE JUST A CHILD,
WHAT WILL I DO WITH YOU ?
TAKE ME WITH YOU !

I WANT TO COME WITH YOU, YASHA.
IF YOU LEAVE ALONE, WITHOUT ME, YOU'LL BE SO SAD.
ASHURA WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU ...
ASHURA ...

AND THUS MET YASHA AND ASHURA, AS THEIR DESTINY DICTATED ...
SO THAT THE SIX STARS WOULD UNITE ...
AND THAT THE BLAZE FROM HELL BURN AWAY ALL EVIL IN THIS WORLD.
THE SIX STARS WILL UNITE AGAINST THE EMPEROR OF HEAVEN
AND ASHURA'S HAND WILL TURN THE WHEEL OF DESTINY.
HEY, THAT AIN'T BAD ...
I'M GOOD AT TELLING THAT KIND OF STORY, DON'T YOU THINK ?
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REBIRTH OF ASHURA/END

AT THE DAWN OF THIS WORLD, EVERY THING IN THE UNIVERSE WAS RULED BY THE GODS. THE HUMANS, WHO WEREN'T IN POWER YET, LIVED IN PEACE UNDER THE RULE OF THE EMPEROR OF HEAVEN.
COLORS OF THE RAINBOW RAN ACROSS A FERTILE LAND, WHERE EVERYONE LIVED IN JOY. HAPPINESS WAS SUCH THAT EVEN THE GOD OF WAR, MIGHTY ASHURA-OU, HADN'T THOUGHT OF FIGHTING IN A LONG TIME.

UNTIL THE DAY WHEN DARKNESS SMOTHERED THE WORLD.
TAISHAKU-TEN, THEN A GENERAL SERVING THE EMPEROR OF HEAVEN, WAS DRIVEN TO
REVOLT BY HIS THIRST FOR POWER.
AFTER BEHEADING THE EMPEROR, HE PROUDLY EXPOSED HIS HEAD TO THE PEOPLE.
AND THUS BEGAN AN ERA OF DARKNESS.

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FESTIVAL OF THE STAR

MY LORD TAISHAKU -TEN, LOOK ...
TOGETHER WITH ASHURA-OU'S SON.
IT'S YASHA-OU,

I DIDN'T KNOW YASHA-OU WAS STILL ALIVE.
THEY ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO ESCAPED THE SLAUGHTER.
SO IT'S JUST THE KING AND THIS ... CHILD.
MY LORD,
YOU MUST NOT SPARE THEM
MY LORD, I HAD A TROOP OF DANCERS SENT TO KISHO-TEN AS YOU ORDERED
DANCERS, WHAT FOR?
WE WILL SOON CELE-BRATE THE FESTIVAL OF THE STAR, IN TRIBUTE TO KISHO-TEN,
WHO FORETELLS OUR FUTURE WITH HER STAR MIRROR
THIS YEAR, I WISH TO SEE TO THE CELE-BRATION MYSELF,
WHICH IS WHY I HAD ARTISTS SENT ALREADY.

IF I GAIN HER TRUST ...
SHE MUST BE MY ALLY ...
I'M SURE SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO REFUSE ME.
IS SOME-BODY FOLLOW-ING US?
UH? THERE WAS SOME-BODY RIGHT THERE! YASHA, WAIT ... I'M SURE I FELT SOMEONE ...

THEY'RE DANCERS
DANCERS ? HERE?
YASHA, LOOK HOW BEAUTI-FUL SHE IS! BUT WHO IS SHE?
WHO'S THERE ?

GIGEI?
GET OUT OF HERE, AND SHOW YOUR FACE!
OH, NO, IT'S NOT POSSI-BLE, YOU ARE...!

EH? WHAT?
HEY, WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU?
I'M SORRY. DID YOU SLEEP WELL?
YOU'VE HAD THE HONOR TO SLEEP IN MY BED.
YOU'RE NOT THE TALK-ATIVE KIND.

OH ...
I DON'T LIKE THAT KIND OF JOKE VERY MUCH.
BUT I'M NOT JOKING.
ASHURA.
SAY, WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
IF A SOLDIER OF THE EMPEROR'S ARMY HEARD YOU ...
IT'S FORBIDDEN TO EVEN SAY THIS WORD
MY NAME IS ASHURA, YASHA GAVE IT TO ME.
TRULY? BUT THEN ...

IS HE YOUR FATHER ?
WHO ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YASHA
AH, THATS BETTER.
HEY, YASHA
COME, WE'RE GOING ...
ASHURA.

WAIT!
HOW ARE YOU GOING TO REPAY ME? I FED YOU.
I'LL TAKE NO GIFT, NO MONEY, AND NO BARTERING
SINCE YOU SPENT THE NIGHT WITH US, HERE'S WHAT I SAY :
YOU'RE PART OF THE TROOP !
I'M NOT SURE ABOUT THAT.

ANYWAY ...
I DIDN'T GIVE YOU YOUR LEAVE.
HELP YOURSELVES, TAKE ALL YOU WANT.
DINNER'S READY.

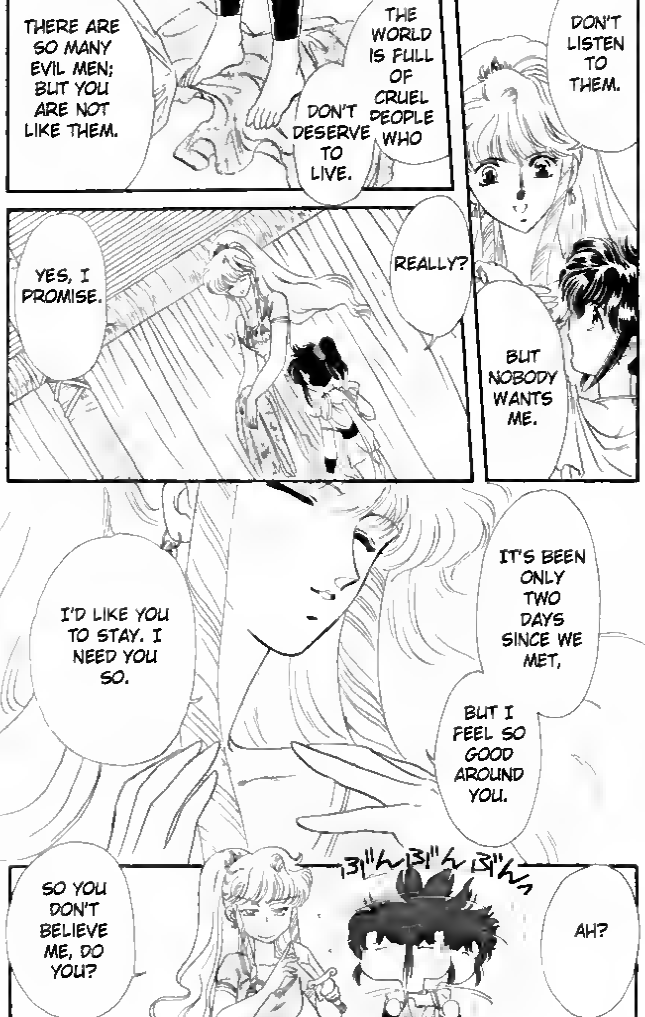
HERE, MEET THE KIDS.
FROM NOW ON, YOU'RE PART OF OUR FAMILY.
HERE!
SO YOUR NAME'S ASHURA? YOU'RE A LIAR!
NO! I WON'T SHARE MY DINNER WITH HIM.
I AM NOT A LIAR.

CLAN ASHURA IS NO MORE
THEY WERE THE BEST FIGHTERS IN HEAVEN.
YOU CAN'T BE ONE OF THEM.
YOU'RE LYING.
STOP IT!
I SAID STOP IT!
STOP !!!

WHO'S ALLOWING YOU TO FIGHT DURING DINNER?
BUT HE ...
IF I SAY MY NAME IS GIGEI, AM I LYING?
HE SAID HIS NAME WAS ASHURA.
BUT ...
SAY YOU'RE SORRY
UH, SORRY.
YOU SAY YOU'RE SORRY TOO.
SAY YOU'RE SORRY !!!

OOOOH! ...
I'M SORRY.
YOUR SHIRT IS ALL TORN.
COME WITH ME.
COME ON,
COME OVER HERE.
DON'T WORRY, I'M NOT ANGRY ANYMORE.
I LIKE YOUR NAME A LOT, ASHURA.

I STILL REMEMBER HIS STORY.
THE GOD OF WAR WHO FOUGHT THE DEMONS FROM THE DARK WORLD
WHEN I WAS A KID, MY MOTHER TOLD ME THE LEGEND OF ASHURA-OU,
NOBODY EVER TOLD ME OF HIM.
ASHURA ...
WHEN I CAME TO THE VILLAGE, PEOPLE SAID I WAS BAD LUCK.
THEY WANTED ME TO LEAVE ...
NOW, THEY'RE ALL DEAD.


THERE ARE SO MANY EVIL MEN; BUT YOU ARE NOT LIKE THEM.
THE WORLD IS FULL OF CRUEL PEOPLE WHO DON'T DESERVE TO LIVE.
DON'T LISTEN TO THEM.
YES, I PROMISE.
REALLY?
BUT NOBODY WANTS ME.
I'D LIKE YOU TO STAY. I NEED YOU SO.
IT'S BEEN ONLY TWO DAYS SINCE WE MET,
BUT I FEEL SO GOOD AROUND YOU.
SO YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME, DO YOU?
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AH?

I LIKE YOUR NAME A LOT,
BUT I STILL LIKE MINE BETTER
GIGEI?
YES, BECAUSE I WAS TOLD IT'S THE NAME OF A BEAUTIFUL GODDESS,
A VERY GOOD DANCER.
OUR LEADER NAMED ME.
NOT AT ALL.
IS HE YOUR FATHER ?
I DON'T REMEMBER MY FATHER, I ONLY KNOW HE SOLD ME TO THE TROOP WHEN I WAS A CHILD
ALL DONE.
YOU'RE A LOT CUTER THIS WAY, ASHURA.

WHY ARE YOU TREATING US SO WELL?
DO YOU REALLY WANT TO KNOW?
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DO YOU EVEN KNOW WHO I AM?
ER, WELL, I'M IN LOVE WITH YOU.
YOU'RE YASHA-OU, SUBORDINATE TO BISHAMON-TEN, GENERAL OF THE NORTH IN THE EMPEROR OF HEAVEN'S ARMY.
YOU'RE A WARRIOR ...
BEING SOUGHT BY TAISHAKU-TEN.
THE LAST FESTIVAL OF THE STAR HAPPENED ABOUT SIX YEARS AGO. IT WAS A TRIBUTE FROM THE EMPEROR TO HIS DAUGHTER KISHO-TEN.

I WAS THERE, SIX YEARS AGO,
WITH THE BEST OF ALL DANCERS ...
SHE WAS MY MOTHER.
I SAW YOU FOR THE FIRST TIME THERE.
THAT DAY, I UNDERSTOOD I WOULDN'T LOVE ANYBODY BUT YOU.
IF ONLY I HAD KNOWN I WOULD SEE YOU AGAIN BEFORE THE FESTIVAL OF THE STAR.

LET'S MAKE A TRUCE.
GIGEI WAS REALLY ANGRY.
PLEASE EXCUSE ME;
I WANT TO BE YOUR FRIEND TOO
HEY
ER ... IS IT TRUE YOU KNOW YASHA-OU?

GIGEI'S BEEN IN LOVE WITH YASHA EVER SINCE SHE SAW HIM AT THE LAST FESTIVAL OF THE STAR WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG. SINCE THEN, SHE'S BEEN WAITING FOR THE DAY WHEN THEY WOULD BE TOGETHER AGAIN.
AND GIGEI IS IN LOVE WITH HIM.
WHAT? IN LOVE?
THEY SAY THERE'S NO BETTER SWORDSMAN IN HEAVEN.
YASHA-OU IS A REAL WARRIOR
YES! AND THEY'LL MEET AT THE FESTIVAL OF THE STAR!
I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL THEY MEET.
I'M SORRY, BUT I DON'T EVEN KNOW YOU.
THE FIRST TIME I SAW YOU, I ASKED THE MAN NEXT TO ME OF YOUR NAME, AND HE SAID IT WAS YASHA-OU.
SINCE THEN, I NEVER STOPPED LOVING YOU.

OH,
BUT IT'S NOT IMPOR-TANT.
MY FATHER MADE HER DANCE UNTIL SHE DIED.
THEN, AS HE NEEDED MONEY, HE SOLD ME TO THE DANCING TROOP.
I KNOW, IT'S A COMMON STORY.
FOR ALL THESE REASONS, I DECIDED I WOULD BE FAITH-FUL TO MY FIRST LOVE.
THAT WAY, I WOULDN'T HAVE TO COMPARE HIM TO ANOTHER.
I'LL LOVE ONLY HIM, EVEN IF HE'S THE DIRTIEST LOUT.
I DECIDED I WOULD CHERISH MY HEART'S CHOSEN,
AND NOT MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE AS MY MOTHER.
SHE WAS SORRY ALL HER LIFE SHE COULDN'T MARRY HER FIRST LOVE.

IF YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE, LEAVE US ALONE.
THAT'S WON-DERFUL;
I'LL FULFILL MY DEAREST WISH.
IF I SACRIFICE MYSELF FOR THE ONE I LOVE...
YASHA ...
YOU KNOW, GIGEI TOLD ME ...

NO, I DON'T WANT TO!
THOSE DANCERS WERE SENT BY TAISHAKU -TEN.
DO YOU WANT GIGEI TO DIE BECAUSE OF US?
IT'S NOT IMPORTANT, WE'RE LEAVING TOMORROW.
JUST ONE DAY PLEASE ...
LET'S STAY ONE MORE DAY.

ER ...
WHAT DO YOU WANT TO SAY?
IT'S FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE STAR TOMORROW.
THAT'S GOOD, ASHURA, BUT YOU NEED TO PLUCK MORE.
GIGEI, IS IT TRUE YOU LOVE YASHA?
YES, EVEN IF HE DOESN'T LOVE ME, I'VE GOT ENOUGH LOVE FOR BOTH OF US.
DON'T WORRY ASHURA, I LOVE YOU TOO.
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YOU'RE AS CUTE AS A LITTLE RACOON.

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ESPECIALLY WHEN YOU'RE ANGRY.
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NO, I DON'T LOOK LIKE A RACOON! YOU'RE TEASING ME.
HERE, I'LL GIVE YOU MY RING.
OK, I'M SORRY.
EXCUSE ME, I'M SORRY.
I HOPE YOU WON'T FORGET ME.
ANYWAY, I DON'T INTEND TO LEAVE YOU.

WHO ARE YOU?
SURRENDER THE CHILD!
NO, HE'S STAYING WITH ME.

GIGEI !!
YOU'LL NEVER HAVE HIM!
THIS CHILD IS THE LAST SURVIVOR OF A CURSED FAMILY.
BY THE EMPER-OR'S WILL, GIVE HIM TO ME!
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CAREFUL, DON'T STAY HERE!!
FLEE !!
CAN'T YOU SEE YOU'RE IN DANGER ?

FLEE, ASHURA !!
WHAAAA !!

ASHURA ??!!
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ASHURA
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COME, ASHURA ...

WAIT A MINUTE ...
WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
YOU'RE NOT LEAVING WITHOUT ME!
ARE YOU FINALLY AWARE OF THE DANGER?
NO, QUITE THE OPPOSITE, YOU'RE STILL THE MAN IN MY LIFE....
AND I FEEL EVEN CLOSER TO ASHURA.
AFTER THE FESTIVAL OF THE STAR, NOTHING WILL HOLD ME BACK.
I'LL COME WITH YOU, I CAN PROMISE THAT.

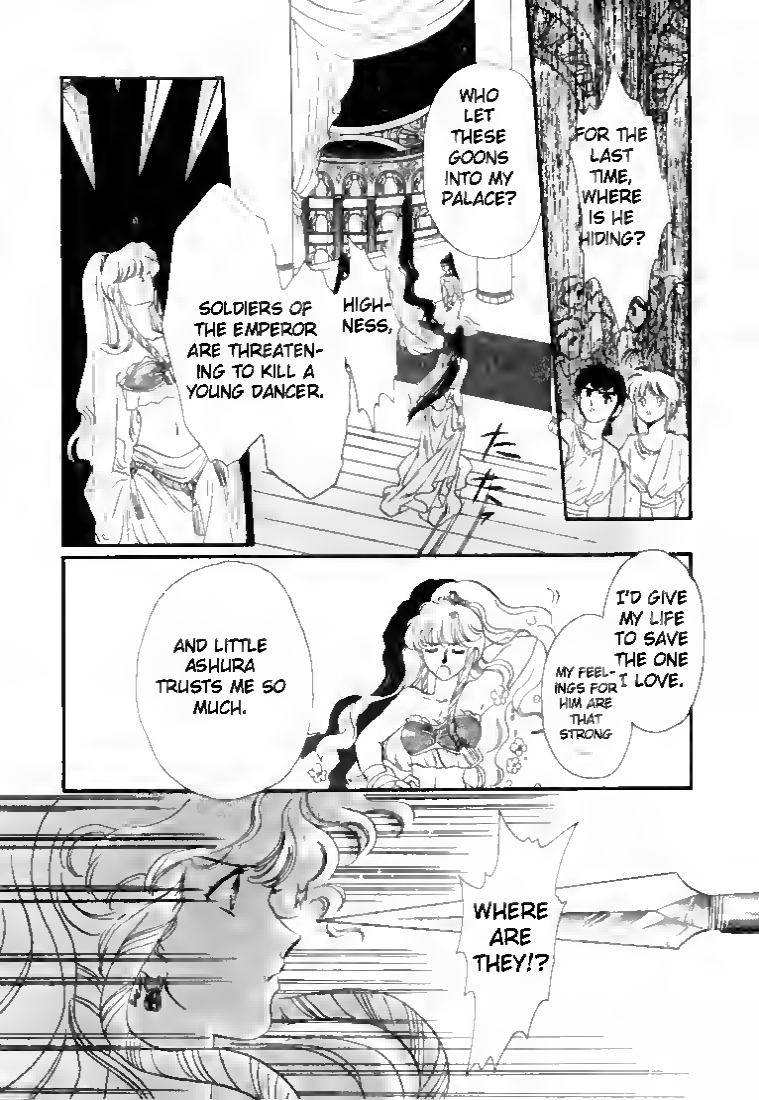
YOUR HIGHNESS KISHOTEN
TAISHAKU-TEN SENDS DANCERS FOR THE FESTIVAL OF THE STAR.
IN THESE DARK TIMES WE HAVE NO REASON TO CELEBRATE THIS EVENT
SINCE THE DEATH OF THE EMPEROR
AND THE SLAUGHTER OF THE ASHURA CLAN ...
IT HAS NOT BEEN NECESSARY
TO FORESEE THE FUTURE.

WHERE IS THE LITTLE BOY?
GIGEI SAID HE LEFT.
TOO BAD, I LIKED PLAYING WITH HIM

NOW THAT I'VE FOUND HIM,
I'LL FOLLOW HIM TO THE END OF THE WORLD.
BUT BEFORE THAT, I MUST DANCE AT THE FESTIVAL OF THE STAR.
IT WAS MY MOTHER'S WISH.
LIKE HER, I MUST BE THE GREAT-EST DANCER.
JUST THIS ONE DAY,
JUST THIS ONE THING,
AND I'LL LEAVE WITH MY LOVE.

I ENJOY THIS FESTIVE MOOD.
I FEEL THE HAPPI-NESS OF ALL PRESENT.
... WHAT A GRACE-FUL DANCER.
HEY YOU, WHERE'S YASHA-OU?
ANSWER!

IF YOU DON'T ANSWER, YOU'RE DEAD!
WOMAN
.....
DID YOU SCARE THEM OFF, YASHA?
WHO WERE THE MEN WHO CAME WHEN I WAS PLAYING WITH GIGEI?
YOU DIDN'T EVEN SAY GOODBYE
OF COURSE I DID ...
THAT'S NOT TRUE.
MAYBE IT WAS GIGEI.
I KNOW SHE'S STRONG AND BRAVE.


FOR THE LAST TIME, WHERE IS HE HIDING?
WHO LET THESE GOONS INTO MY PALACE?
HIGH-NESS, SOLDIERS OF THE EMPEROR ARE THREATEN-ING TO KILL A YOUNG DANCER.
I'D GIVE MY LIFE TO SAVE THE ONE I LOVE.
MY FEEL-INGS FOR HIM ARE THAT STRONG
AND LITTLE ASHURA TRUSTS ME SO MUCH.
WHERE ARE THEY!?

I WILL NOT BETRAY THOSE I LOVE.
I WANT TO SEE GIGEI ...
SHE SAID SHE'D COME TO US AFTER THE FESTIVAL.
I DIDN'T HAVE TIME TO ...

THANK HER FOR
HER MAR-VEL-OUS GIFT.
SHE MUST KNOW ...
THAT ASHURA LOVES HER
WITH ALL HIS HEART.

GET RID OF THE CORPSE.
THEY TAINTED THE FESTIVAL OF THE STAR WITH THE BLOOD OF A MAIDEN.
HIGH-NESS!
IS THIS THE BEHAVIOR OF A GOD?
TAISHAKU-TEN IS TRULY A SOUL-LESS CREA-TURE.

FESTIVAL OF THE STAR/END

LET FLAMES PURIFY HEAVEN IN WHICH LIGHTNING IS A GOD.

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THE ANECDOTE

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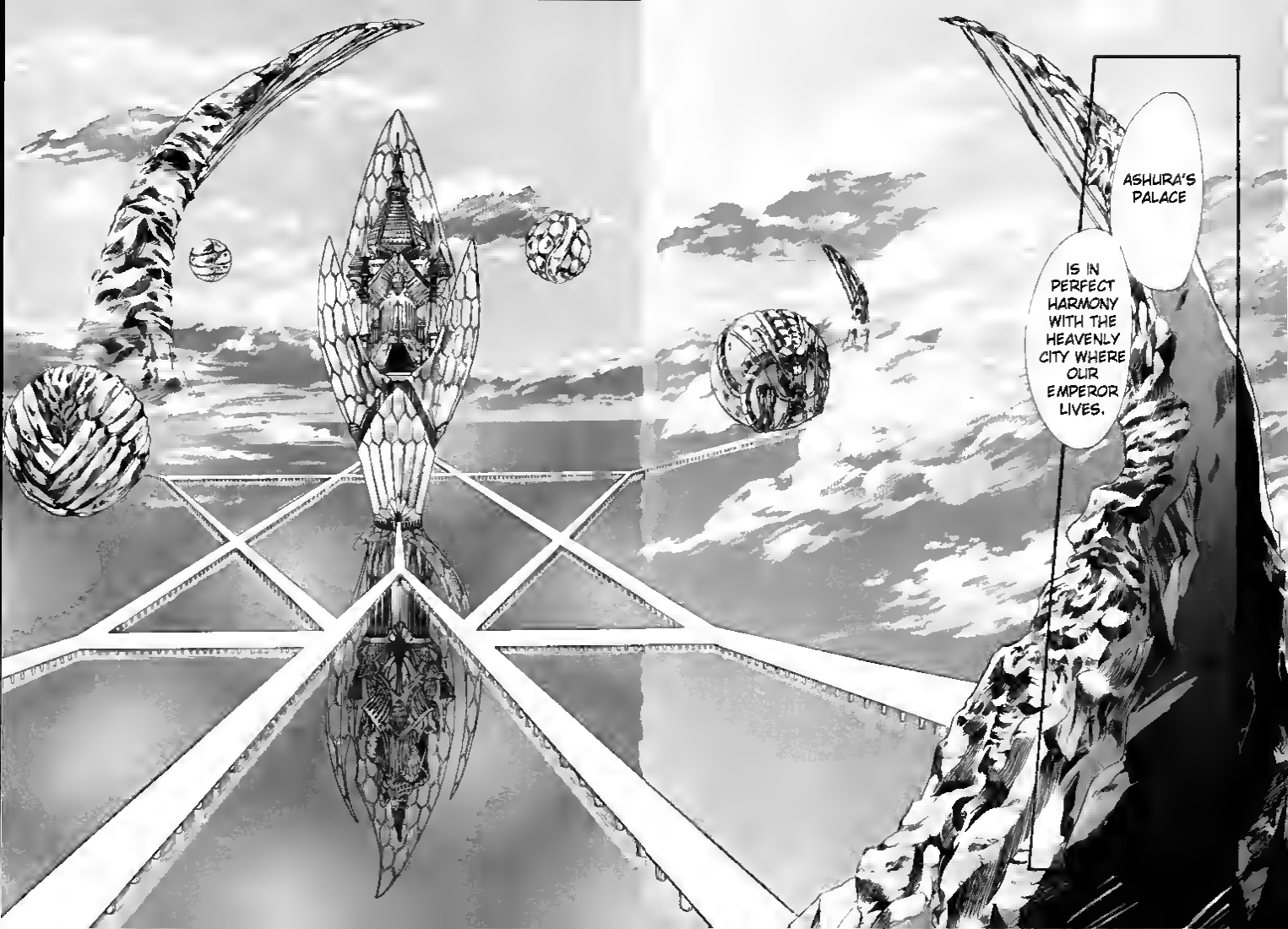
ASHURA -OU,
OUR LORD.
ASHURA -OU
MEMBERS OF THE ASHURA CLAN
WE ARE THE TWELVE GUARDIANS OF SERENITY
AND FIGHT ONLY TO PROTECT OUR PEOPLE.
MUST PRE-SERVE PEACE,
WE ARE AWAITED IN THE HEAVENLY CITY; FOLLOW ME
YET WE MUST BE ON OUR GUARD, FOR DEMONS ARE THREATENING AT THE FAR REACHES OF OUR WORLD.

RYU-OU HIMSELF, LORD OF THE WATERY REALMS, CANNOT ENTER IT
IT'S WATER AND IT IS NOT.
IT'S A DIRECT MANIFESTATION OF THE KEKKAI PROTECTING CLAN ASHURA
THIS IS NOT EASILY UNDERSTOOD BY HUMANS LIKE YOU AND SHASHI.
HOW STRANGE, THE CITY SEEMS SUNKEN,
BUT WATER WON'T FLOOD IN.
AND A FEW PRIESTESS WHO, LIKE YOU, HAVE REASON TO BE IN THE PALACE.
ONLY A MEMBER OF OUR CLAN CAN CROSS THROUGH IT.
EXACT AS A REFLECTION, AND FAITHFUL AS A SHADOW ...
FROM THE OUTSIDE, ASHURA'S PALACE DOESN'T SEEM REAL. SOME THINK IT'S A REFLECTION OF THE EMPEROR'S PALACE.


ASHURA'S PALACE
IS IN PERFECT HARMONY WITH THE HEAVENLY CITY WHERE OUR EMPEROR LIVES.

YES MY LORD
GO TO THE AUDIENCE HALL WITHOUT ME. I'LL JOIN YOU.

KUYO ...

PLEASE FORGIVE ME. I WASN'T ANNOUNCED.
HIGHNESS, I WASN'T EXPECTING YOU.
CAN I CHANGE DESTINY'S COURSE?
I'M LISTENING...
KUYO, I NEED TO KNOW...
NO...
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I WOULD NEVER CAST DOUBT ON YOUR ABILITIES,
BUT COULD YOU GAZE ONE MORE TIME?
SUCH IS THE DESTINY OF THE STARS
BELIEVE IN MY PROPHECY,
AS YOU WISH, HIGHNESS

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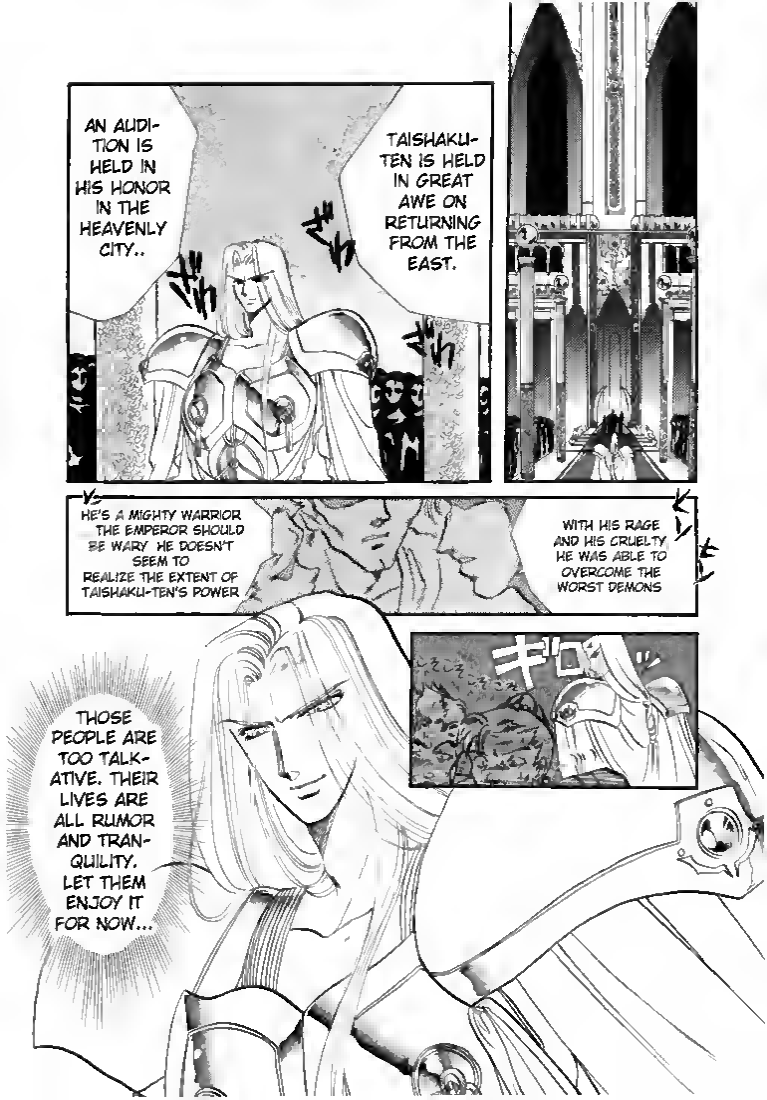
SIX DARK STARS WILL COME DOWN FROM THE SKY, AND BREAK HEAVEN AND EARTH TO PURIFY THEM.
LIGHTNING WILL REAP HEAVEN, AND THE WORLD WILL KNOW DARKNESS AND TERROR.
WITH TIME, THE SIX STARS WILL UNITE, AND THEIR BLAZE WILL BURN AWAY ALL EVIL.
MANY WILL OPPOSE THEM, BUT NONE WILL STOP THEM, AND...
THEY SHALL BE THE BREAK WHICH DESTROYS HEAVEN.


AN AUDITION IS HELD IN HIS HONOR IN THE HEAVENLY CITY..
TAISHAKU-TEN IS HELD IN GREAT AWE ON RETURNING FROM THE EAST.
HE'S A MIGHTY WARRIOR THE EMPEROR SHOULD BE WARY HE DOESN'T SEEM TO REALIZE THE EXTENT OF TAISHAKU-TEN'S POWER
WITH HIS RAGE AND HIS CRUELTY HE WAS ABLE TO OVERCOME THE WORST DEMONS
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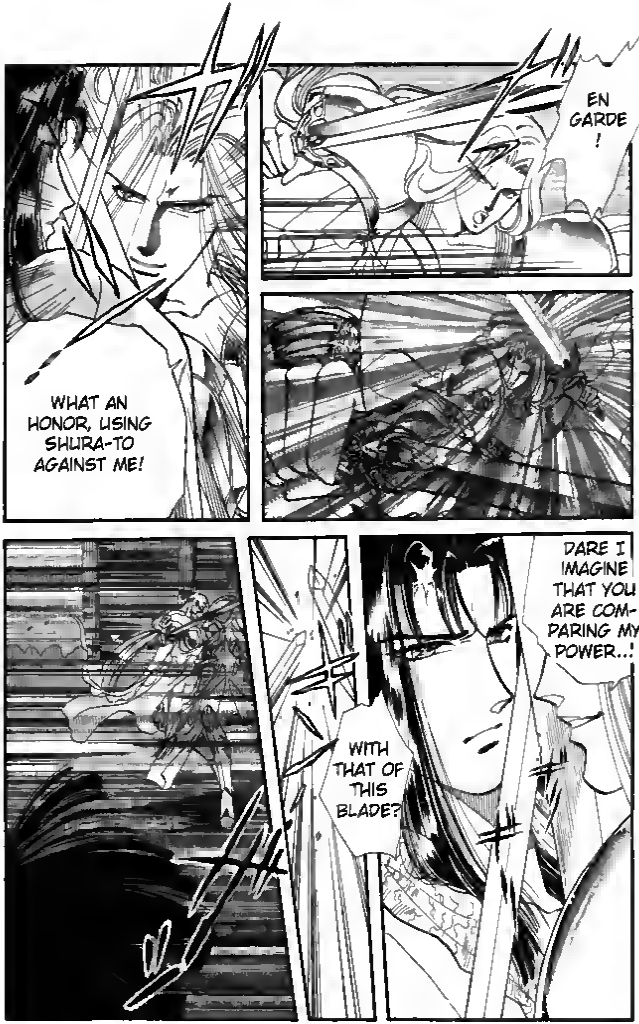
THOSE PEOPLE ARE TOO TALKATIVE. THEIR LIVES ARE ALL RUMOR AND TRANQUILITY. LET THEM ENJOY IT FOR NOW...

I THANK YOU
AS A REWARD, I'LL GRANT YOU A WISH
YOUR FIGHT AGAINST THE DEMONS MAKES YOU WORTHY OF YOUR TITLE 'GOD OF LIGHTNING'
TAISHAKU-TEN, CONGRATULATIONS.
IF YOU ALLOW ME,
.....
WOULD ASK ASHURA-OU ...
FOR A FIGHTING LESSON
BUT MY LORD
A BRILLIANT IDEA. IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE I HAVE ENJOYED SUCH A FIGHT

I BEG YOU FATHER, DON'T LET THEM FIGHT.
BE QUIET, IT'S JUST A GAME.
NO, IF SUCH IS THE WILL OF THE EMPEROR
ASHURA-OU, DO YOU OBJECT?
TAKE THIS SWORD.
NO, THANK YOU
I'D RATHER USE ...
MINE ...

LOOK, IT'S SHURA-TO!
ONLY A MEMBER OF THE ASHURA CLAN MAY WIELD IT. TAISHAKU-TEN WON'T RESIST ITS MIGHT FOR LONG.


EN GARDE !
WHAT AN HONOR, USING SHURA-TO AGAINST ME!
DARE I IMAGINE THAT YOU ARE COMPARING MY POWER..!
WITH THAT OF THIS BLADE?

I BEG YOU, STOP.
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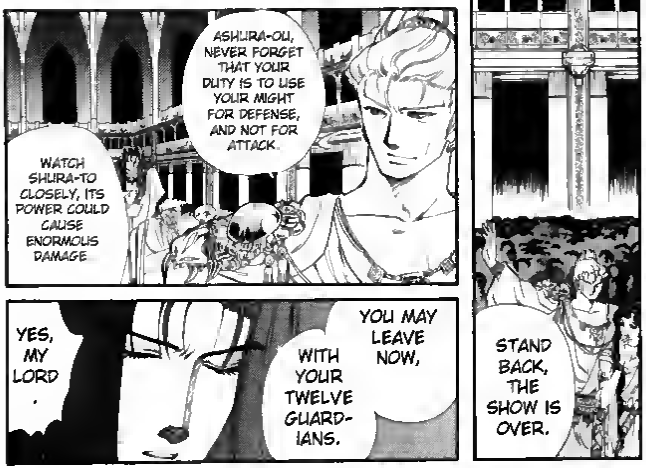
ENOUGH.
THE LESSON IS OVER, SHEATH YOUR WEAPONS !!
YOU TOO, ASHURA -OU.
YOU ARE IMPROVING, TAISHAKU-TEN
IN A FEW YEARS, YOU MAY GROW AS STRONG
AS ASHURA -OU.


ASHURA-OU, NEVER FORGET THAT YOUR DUTY IS TO USE YOUR MIGHT FOR DEFENSE, AND NOT FOR ATTACK.
WATCH SHURA-TO CLOSELY, ITS POWER COULD CAUSE ENORMOUS DAMAGE.
STAND BACK, THE SHOW IS OVER.
YOU MAY LEAVE NOW, WITH YOUR TWELVE GUARD-IANS.
YES, MY LORD.

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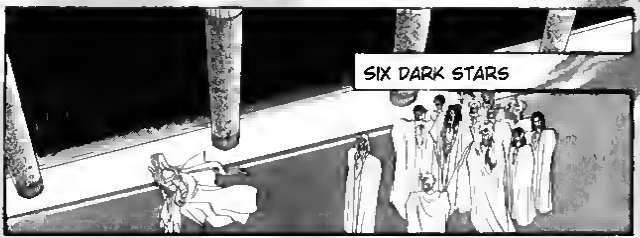
MY LORD, ARE YOU INJURED?
NO ...

HE MANAGED TO WOUND ME AFTER ALL
CURSES ON THE LIGHTNING GOD
FEAR NOT, MY SHIRT IS ONLY SLIGHTLY CUT.
WHAT IS IT, MY LORD
KNOW THIS, ASHURA -OU,
THAT I ALWAYS GET WHAT I WANT.
TAISHAKU -TEN!!

LET HIM GO!
INSO-LENT!
SIX DARK STARS ...
BETTER TO JUST LET HIM GO
WILL REVOLT AGAINST HEAVEN



WILL COME DOWN FROM THE SKY, AND BREAK HEAVEN AND EARTH TO PURIFY THEM.
LIGHTNING WILL REAP HEAVEN, AND THE WORLD WILL KNOW DARKNESS AND TERROR.
WITH TIME, THE SIX STARS WILL UNITE, AND THEIR BLAZE WILL BURN AWAY ALL EVIL.

MANY WILL OPPOSE THEM, BUT NONE WILL STOP THEM, AND ...
THEY SHALL BE THE BREAK WHICH DESTROYS HEAVEN

FLAMES TO PURIFY HEAVEN IN WHICH LIGHTNING IS GOD/END

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YASHA !!!
YAMA TENRO KEN !!
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夜摩天狼剣!!
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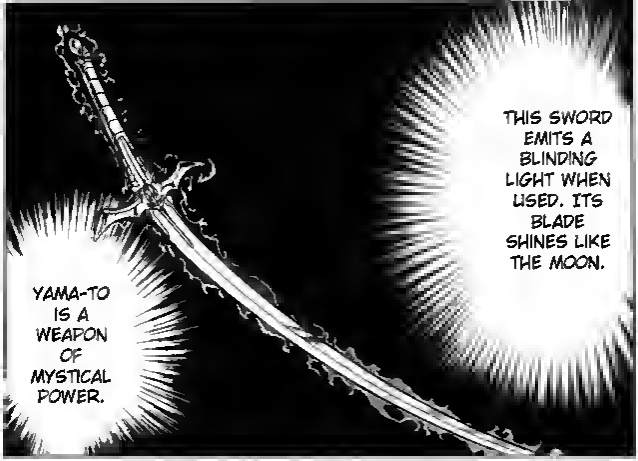
MY STRENGTH ALLOWS ME TO USE YAMA-TO.
YASHA, YOU'RE REALLY THE STRONGEST!
WHY ?
IT'S AN ANCIENT LEGEND IN THE YASHA CLAN.
A LEGEND ?

THIS LEGEND SAYS THAT ONCE,
WHEN OUR CLAN WAS WEAKENED, A WINGED MAN FLEW DOWN FROM THE SKY TO HELP US.
THIS DEMON BLADE SHEDS A STRANGE LIGHT WHEN HELD BY THE STRONGEST FIGHTER IN OUR CLAN. WITH IT, I COULD LEVEL A MOUNTAIN. IT'S NAME IS ... YAMA-TO.
THE WINGED MAN GAVE US THE SWORD WHILE AN EVIL SHADOW WAS SPREADING ON OUR NORTHERN TERRITORIES. QUICKLY, THOSE OF OUR CLAN UNDERSTOOD THAT THE SWORD'S POWERS WERE EERIE. AFTER THREE MONTHS, THE WINGED MAN DISAPPEARED.
HE GAVE US THIS SWORD, AND SAID IT MUST ALWAYS BE IN THE HANDS OF THE STRONGEST AMONG US.
EVER SINCE, THIS SWORD HAS BECOME THE SYMBOL OF CLAN YASHA'S MIGHT. ONE DAY, I'LL TRANSMIT IT ALONG WITH THE LEGEND TO MY HEIR.


YAMA-TO IS A WEAPON OF MYSTICAL POWER.
THIS SWORD EMITS A BLINDING LIGHT WHEN USED. ITS BLADE SHINES LIKE THE MOON.

THE MAN WHO GAVE IT TO YOU. DID HE KNOW THE EXTENT OF ITS POWER?
ONLY IT COULD BREAK THE PROTECTION OF THE SHADOW WOODS AROUND ASHURA.

YAMA-TO IS REAL, BUT THE WINGED MAN IS LEGEND.
NO ...
THE MAN WITH THE BLACK WINGS.
ASHURA, WE'RE SLEEPING HERE TODAY.
MEMBERS OF CLAN KARURA LIVE IN THE SKY, BUT THEY DON'T HAVE WINGS ON THEIR BACKS.
NO, I DON'T WANT TO SLEEP IN THE TREES AGAIN.
COME CLOSE TO ME, I'M HOLDING YOU, YOU'RE SAFE
STOP SQUIRM-ING.
YASHA, I'M AFRAID I'LL FALL.
TO AVOID THE EMPEROR'S SOLDIERS, WE SHOULD SLEEP IN AN EVEN MORE REMOTE PLACE.
TELL ME, YASHA ...

COULD YOU SHOW ME ONCE MORE YAMA-TO'S MAGIC LIGHT?
THIS LIGHT IS AS PRETTY AS GIGEI.
WHEN I SAW GIGEI THE FIRST TIME...
SHE LOOKED AS MARVELOUS AS THE LIGHT.

YOU LIKE GIGEI A LOT, DON'T YOU?
YES, ALMOST AS MUCH AS YOU.
I'D LOVE GIGEI TO BE MY MOTHER.
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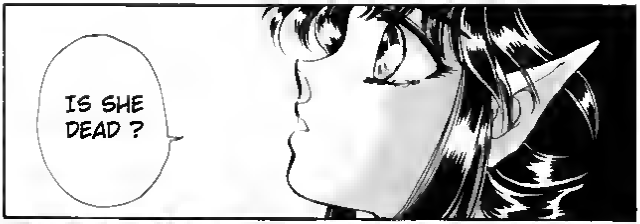
YOUR MOTHER? WHO TAUGHT YOU THAT WORD?
CHILDREN IN THE TROOP.

THEY SAID A MOTHER IS A VERY GENTLE WOMAN, WHO'LL STAY WITH YOU FOREVER.
THAT'S WHAT A MOTHER IS, ISN'T IT?
I NEED A MOTHER ...

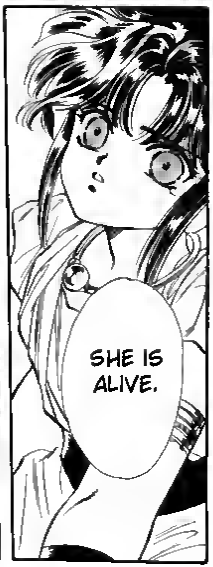
YOUR MOTHER IS THE WOMAN WHO GAVE YOU BIRTH.
YOU CAN'T JUST PICK HER.
SO, GIGEI CAN'T BE MY MOTHER?
WHERE IS ASHURA'S MOTHER?
WHERE IS SHE?
WHY ISN'T SHE WITH ME?


IS SHE DEAD ?

NO ...

SHE LIVES IN THE TORI-TEN,
IN THE PALACE OF THE EMPEROR OF HEAVEN.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEET HER?
YES, I WANT TO SEE HER. WHERE IS SHE ?


SHE IS ALIVE.

ASHURA MUST NEVER KNOW...
PLEASE, TAKE ME TO THE EMPEROR'S PALACE. I WANT TO SEE MY MOTHER.
WHAT?!
BUT FOR NOW, I DECIDED YOU'D BE MY MOTHER !
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DON'T BE STUPID, AND GO TO SLEEP !
SHASH! ...
SHE IS NOW TAISHAKU -TEN'S WIFE.
ALTHOUGH SHE WAS ONCE MARRIED TO ASHURA-OU, HER AMBITION MADE HER BETRAY HER OWN HUSBAND, FOR A MARRIAGE THAT WOULD MAKE HER AN EMPRESS.
WHEN HER TWO TWINS WERE BORN SHE DISCOVERED THAT ONE OF THEM WAS ASHURA-OU'S OFFSPRING, AND TRIED TO KILL HIM HERSELF.

I TRUST YOU ...
I KNOW YOU'LL TAKE ME TO HER.
YES, I SWEAR.
WHEN I'M DONE WITH TAISHAKU -TEN.

FOR YOU, I'LL MOVE MOUNTAINS.
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I SWEAR TO PROTECT THE LITTLE ONE SLEEPING IN MY ARMS
AND TO BE HIS ARIANE'S THREAD,
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いは守れるように
TO GUIDE HIM THROUGH HIS DANGEROUS JOURNEY.
ARIANE'S THREAD/END

HEAVENLY WOLF FIST BLADE !!!
AND SUDDENLY, YAMA TENROU
WE HAVE FOOD FOR A LONG TIME !
IT LOOKS DELICIOUS MAY I JOIN IN ?
YOU'RE THE STRONGEST. YOU EVEN USE YAMA TENROU KEN TO HUNT BOARS.
I WOULD NEVER HAVE THOUGHT I'D USE MY BEST ATTACK AGAINST A BOAR

BISHAMON-TEN, I TRUST YOU'RE READY TO FIGHT THE SIX STARS ?
I THINK IT'S RATHER TIME FOR SUPPER.
IT'S NOT ADMISSIBLE WE CANNOT LET THEM DINE IN PEACE
YEAH BRO
KUJAKU YOU'RE EATING FOR FREE AGAIN !
YES, YOU CAN COUNT ON ME, TAISHAKU-TEN.
YOU MAY COUNT ON ME, MY LORD.
I AM GLAD TO HAVE YOU FOR A GENERAL.
BISHAMON-TEN

I'M PROUD AS THE SPHINX WHEN IT STILL HAD ITS NOSE.
I'M PROUD AS THE SPHINX WHEN IT STILL HAD ITS NOSE.
I'M PROUD AS THE SPHINX WHEN IT STILL HAD ITS NOSE.
I'M PROUD AS THE SPHINX WHEN IT STILL HAD ITS NOSE.
I'M EXPECTING GOOD NEWS.
GOOD BYE
NIGHT FELL ON HEAVEN AND EARTH
YASHA, YOU SLEEP HERE.
KUJAKU HERE, AND ME IN THE MIDDLE.
I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SLEEP IN-BETWEEN MY PARENTS !!

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FALALA VOL. 1 IS DONE!

LET'S BEGIN WITH ME, I'M "CUTY NEKO!"

I'LL NOW INTRODUCE EACH GROUP MEMBER

I THINK I'M USUAL CUTE WITH MY NEW HAIRCUT

THE NAME OF A GROUP IN CHARGE OF PLANNING AND PRODUCTION, WHOSE FOUR MEMBERS ARE FROM OSAKA, KYOTO AND SHIGA.

CLAMP IS

ALL OF YOU READERS WHO READ THIS MANGA FOR THE FIRST TIME, I'LL EXPLAIN WHAT CLAMP IS

HERE IS MISS NANASE OHKAWA, IN CHARGE OF CREATION, PRODUCTION AND PLANNING. IN SHORT SHE'S OUR "BOSS" I DRAW HER WITH A SERIOUS FACE BECAUSE SHE ALWAYS IS. THAT'S WHAT EVERYBODY THINKS.

SHE ALWAYS WORKS DRESSED LIKE THAT

SHE'S HOT BUNNY GIRL!

HI!

NANASE OHKAWA

WHEN YOU SEE THE MESS ON HER DESK YOU CAN GUESS HOW WEIRD SHE'S WORKING
IM GONNA KILL YOU!!!
SORRY YOU'RE A WONDERFUL GIRL
THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT. TELL THEM ABOUT MY JOB!
WE CHOOSE HER AS CLAMP'S MASCOT.
HELLO EVERY-ONE!
HERE IS MISS MOKONA APAPA, WHO DRAWS STORY BOARDS AND SKETCHES ACCORDING TO OHKAWA'S IDEAS
MOKONA APAPA
SHE'S GIFTED FOR A LOT OF THINKGS, BUT SHE ALSO MAKES MISTAKES
SHE EATS A LOT
SHE'S SMART
SHE'S AN EXCEL-LENT COOK.
I WANT TO EAT CAKE
YO
AND HERE IS MISS SATSUKI IGARASHI, IN CHARGE OF FRAMES AND TONES
SATSUKI IGARASHI
AND FINALLY, MISS MIC NEKOI, WHO DOES FINISHING TOUCHES AND BACKGROUNDS WITH SATSUKI
HIIII EEEE !
MIC NEKOI
BUT SHE WON'T EAT WHEN SHE NOT HUNGRY
YES, SHE FINISHES THE DISHES
IT'S A GOOD THING

WE ARE THE FOUR GIRLS IN CLAMP.
I DO MANGA, LIKE THIS ONE.
WHY ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT FOOD ?
SHE ONLY EATS THRICE A DAY..
NEKO! EATS A LOT TOO
WE'VE BEEN IN TOKYO FOR 3 YEARS AND 7 MONTHS, AND WE'VE MOVED 5 TIMES ALREADY
NOW, LET'S CHANGE SUBJECT. CLAMP HAS MOVED RECENTLY.
SATSUKI MANAGED TO FIT ALL HER THINGS IN HER ROOM, STRANGE
I DON'T KNOW WHERE I'LL PUT ALL MY THINGS
THIS TIME, EVERYBODY DECORATED HER OWN ROOM
NEAR OUR NEW HOUSE, THERE'S A ROOSTER AND IT CROWS VERY LOUD IN THE AFTERNOON

FROM THIS YEAR ON, I'LL GO INTO CHESS I'VE ALREADY BOUGHT A CUTE LITTLE PLAYING TABLE.
I'VE PUT VALUES IN WONDERFUL LADY MEN ON IT. I'VE GOT HANDSOME MEN AS WELL.
I'LL BUY BOOKS MORE PRIVATELY THOUGH.
I'D LIKE TO COLLECT FURNITURE, BUT IT'S TOO EXPENSIVE.
THE BEDS TAKE UP HALF THE ROOM.
WE USED TO SLEEP ON FUTONS. NOW WE'VE BOUGHT BEDS.
WE ARE CLOSE UP NOW
AND I LIKE ICED MILK TEA AT 'LOTTERIA'. IT'S DELICIOUS.
THERE ARE A LOT OF GOOD THINGS IN 'SKY LARK' RESTAURANTS. CLAMPS RECOMANDS 'MAGURO-TATAKI GOHAN' AND 'KANI-GOHAN'.
THEY'RE THE COOK.
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT ?
I LIKE MENUS FROM 'SKY LARK' RESTAURANTS TOO.
WE HAVE SOME IMPORTANT INFORMATION.
I DON'T WANT TO GROW FAT. AND NOW ...
LET'S STOP SPEAKING ABOUT FOOD
AND NEAR OUR HOUSE, THERE'S A NICE LITTLE JAPANESE RESTAURANT
BAAH!
BUT I WON'T TELL WHERE IT IS.

IF WE INCREASE THE PRICE, IT WILL BECOME TOO MUCH FOR THOSE WHO BUY MANGA, VIDEOS AND CDS
CLAMP LAB. WAS ON A TIGHT BUDGET, AND WE'LL HAVE TO INCREASE ITS PRICE.
CLAMP WAS PUBLISHING 'CLAMP LABORATORY'. WE WILL STOP, AS YOU'VE SEEN IN THE PAPERS AND ON TV, STAMP PRICES HAVE GONE UP.
SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE ALREADY CLOSED.
THAT'S WHY WE'LL CONTINUE CLAMP LABORATORY UNTIL APRIL, AND THEN STOP.
PLEASE BEAR WITH US.
WE'LL TRY TO GIVE YOU INFO ON CLAMP THROUGH IT.
BUT CLAMP LABORATORY PHONE SERVICE IS STILL ACTIVE.

SINCE IT'S A PHONE LINE, YOU'LL HAVE INFO FASTER.
CLAMP研究所 特置室
03(3496)8311
YOU CAN CALL IT FROM ANY-WHERE IN THE WORLD.
SINCE IT'S A NORMAL PHONE LINE,
IF YOU CALL NOW, YOU CAN WIN PRIZES.
INFORMATIONS WILL CHANGE ON THE 1ST AND 15TH OF EACH MONTH.
RG VEDA WILL CONTINUE. IF YOU SUPPORT US THE CLAMP TEAM WILL BE HAPPY A GOOD DAY TO ALL.
I WASN'T BORN IN JAPAN BUT I LOVE IT VERY MUCH
LOOK, I'M SO FREE!
HAVE A NICE DAY